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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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EO 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS

REF: STATE 028053

1. DECREE LAW 283 OF 27 OCTOBER 1964 MAKES NO SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR ARMS EXPORTS. DECREE LAW 93 OF 27 APRIL 1945, WHICH DEFINES POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AUTHORIZES MOD TO CONTROL "ACQUISITION, PRODUCTION, CONSERVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF ARMAMENT" (ART. 14 SECTION 4) AND TO CONTROL "IMPORTATION, WAREHOUSING, TRANSPORT, CARRYING AND SALE OF WEAPONS, MUNITIONS, AND EXPLOSIVES" (ART. 15 SECTION 6). NOTHING IS SAID ABOUT EXPORTS, BUT BECAUSE BOTH LAWS ALLOW MOD TO CONTROL "SALE" THIS CONEIVABLY GIVES THE MOD SUFFICIENT LATITUDE TO CONTROL BOTH IMPORT AND EXPORT SALES.

2. BECAUSE OF A 1975 PROBLEM OVER THE CONTEMPLATED SALE OF TWO T-33 AIRCRAFT PROVIDED TO GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE BY THE US, GUATEMALAN UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY ARE WELL AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT CANNOT RESELL

WEAPONS PROVIDED TO TIT BY THE USG WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING USG
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